

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 74, 77 and 88 have been amended to correct apparent typographical and/or grammatical errors without narrowing the scope of the claims as would have been understood by one skilled in the art.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 13, 14, 33, 36-44, 52-65, and 74-78 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

PROVISIONAL OBVIOUSNESS TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 33, 36, 74, 75, 77 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over selected claims of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/045,149 as set forth in the Office Action of February 13, 2006. On pages 2-5 of the Office Action, the Examiner further rejects claims 1, 2, 4-7, 13, 14, 33, 36-44, 58, 74-78 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over selected claims of copending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 11/430,881, 10/638,481, 10/663,981, and 11/430,883. In view of the enclosed terminal disclaimer, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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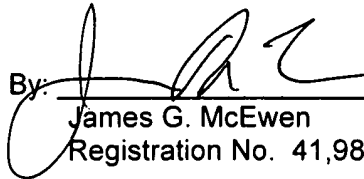
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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

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